

REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION
DATED JANUARY 3, 2008

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REMARKS

This is in response to the Office Action dated January 3, 2008.
Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Request for Extension of Time

Applicants request that the time period for response be extended one month, from April 3, 2008 to May 5, 2008 (May 3rd being a Saturday). Applicants authorize payment of the one-month extension in the amount of \$60 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.17(a)(i) via credit card.

Status of Claims

Claims 1-36 have been canceled, and new Claims 37-49 are provided herewith for examination on the merits. Support for the new claims may be found throughout the specification and claims as originally filed, as well as in Figures 1 and 2 of the application, which show an insulation module 1 comprising an outer surface layer 3, which may be corrugated and have crests and troughs, a thermal insulation layer 5, a plurality of first fasteners 10 for attaching the thermal insulation layer to the outer surface layer, a plurality of brackets 7 securable to the sidewall 2 of the process vessel, and a plurality of second fasteners 13 extending between the outer surface layer and the brackets.

Applicants contend that none of the references cited by the Examiner, either alone or in combination, teach or suggest an insulation module having a plurality of first fasteners attaching an insulation layer to an outer surface layer, and a plurality of second fasteners attaching the outer surface layer to brackets which are attached to a process vessel. Applicants believe that the new claims are allowable over the cited references because the references fail to meet the criteria necessary for

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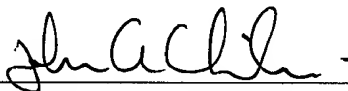
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anticipation (every claim elements not taught) or to establish a *prima facie* case of obviousness (all claim recitations not taught or suggested). Applicants, therefore, request that the rejections be withdrawn and the application passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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